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June 5, 2024

Troy A. Miller
Senior Official Performing the Duties of the Commissioner
U.S. Customs and Border Protection
1300 Pennsylvania Avenue NW
Washington, DC 20004

Acting Commissioner Miller:

We write regarding overtime pay for U.S. Border Patrol (USBP) agents and the disbursement of such funds. In Section 5201 of the National Defense Authorization Act of 2024 (PL-118-31), Congress authorized special overtime pay for GS-12 USBP agents. Additionally, in the Further Consolidated Appropriations Act of 2024 (PL-118-47), Congress appropriated \$372,983,000 for this overtime pay. Unfortunately, we have heard from Border Patrol agents that there is much confusion regarding timing for such payments.

As you know, our agents are overworked and overwhelmed with the number of migrants they are encountering this year. Additionally, morale at USBP is at an all-time low, and recent reports indicate a large number of early retirements. Ensuring agents have the most up to date and accurate information regarding their pay and benefits is crucial.

Thus, we respectfully request the following information in writing no later than June 19, 2024:

- 1. Provide an update on when agents can expect to see overtime pay reflected in their paychecks.
- 2. Provide confirmation that agents will receive backpay to reflect the overtime they have worked since passage of the National Defense Authorization Act of 2024.
- 3. Provide any communications that have been sent or will be sent to agents regarding the timing of payments and plans to update agents accordingly.

We thank you for your prompt attention to this important matter.

Sincerely,

Juan Ciscomani Member of Congress



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